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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-11, 18-27, 35, 45-48, 50 and 52 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 36 as follows:

36. (Amended) [The system according to claim according to claim 35, further]
An audio system for optimizing [a] playing of an audio program, which includes a preferred audio signal and a remaining audio signal, for end users, which includes both hearing impaired and non-hearing impaired listeners, comprising: